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1. AS THE RIGHT PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT DID NOT DEVELOP FOR GEORGE VEST TO MAKE INFORMAL, PERSONAL DEMARCHE YOU SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, OUR FEELING IS THAT I SHOULD DO SO IN MY NEXT MEETING WITH BURTICA, YET UNSCHEDULED. LET ME KNOW, AFTER YOUR REVIEW OF VEST'S VISIT WITH HIM, IF THIS PROCEDURE IS OKAY WITH STATE AND COMMERCE. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT A CABINET-LEVEL U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN IS IMPORTANT FOR THE NEXT MEETING, AND GEORGE AND I WONDERED WHETHER WE SHOULD NOT CONSIDER TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, WHO HAS INDICATED TO ME PERSONALLY THAT HE MIGHT LIKE TO VISIT ROMANIA. WHETHER AUTUMN WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM WAS NOT RAISED.

2. THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL FACTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. NO GOR OFFICIAL HAS BROUGHT UP WITH US QUESTION OF COMMISSION TIMING SINCE MID-MAY.
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THEREFORE, AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, WE ARE NOT UNDER THE GUN, BUT I THINK WE CAN SAFELY PREDICT THAT NOW THAT THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS OUT OF THE WAY, THE ROMANIANS WILL BE COMING TO US IN ADVANCE OF THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON.

3. THE OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENT IS THAT I UNDER-

STAND THAT SECRETARIES BLUMENTHAL AND KREPS MAY WELL
ATTEND THE SOVIET ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 4-5. IF TWO SECRETARIES ARE TO BE IN
THIS PART OF THE WORLD IN EARLY DECEMBER, IT WOULD
BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE ROMANIANS TO UNDER-
STAND WHY AT LEAST ONE OF THEM COULD NOT MAKE IT
HERE. OUR FEELING IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR POINT
TOUCHING ON A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE IN U.S.-GOR-USSR
RELATIONS AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
SECRETARIES INVOLVED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN SO DOING,
THE IMPORTANCE OF SECRETARIAL LEVEL TREATMENT OF
COMMISSION MEETING IN BUCHAREST WOULD BE BROUGHT HOME.
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